Impact of long sitting before computer on health

†1567. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any apprehension that sitting before the computer screen for hours together leads to the clotting of blood; and

(b) if so, the detials thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) and (b) No such case has been reported so far in the Department of Information Technology. However, as precautionary measures, some people are using Optically Coated Tempered Safety Glass on Monitor for relief of Eyestrain and Fatigue.

Expansion of telecom in rural areas

1568. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made towards achieving the objective laid down in 1999 National Telecom Policy relating to striking a balance between expansion of telecom in rural areas and providing high-value services for a modern economy, achieving a teledensity of 7 (number of phones for every 100 people) by the year 2005,15 by the year 2010 and a rural teledensity of 4 by the year 2010; and

(b) what are the details thereof till the 31 st December, 2002 and what is the perspective planning till the year 2010?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) There has been satisfactory progress towards achieving the objective laid down in National Telecom Policy (NTP)-1999 regarding striving a balance between expansion of telecom

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